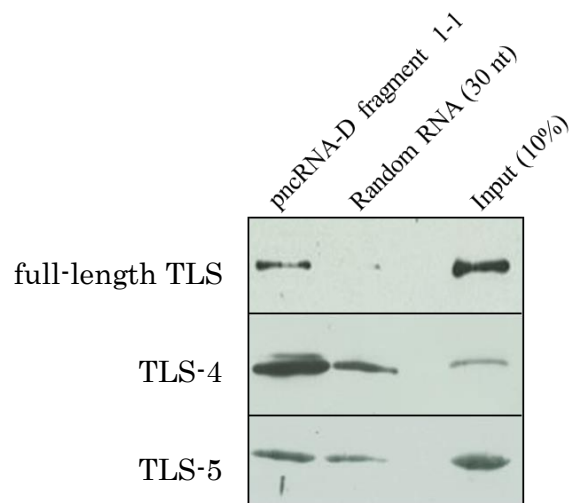


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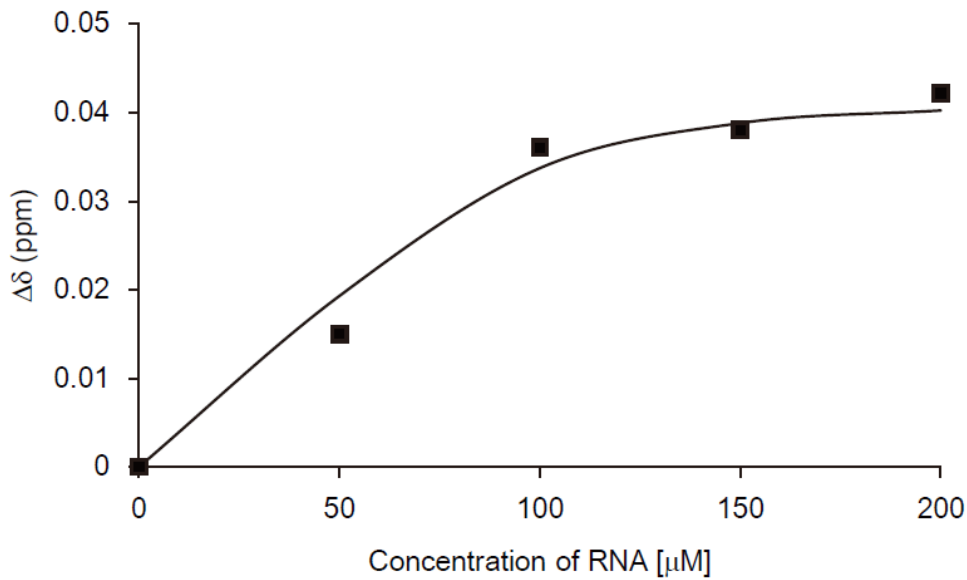
Supplementary Figure S1. The full length sequence of pncRNA-D

The sequence of pncRNA-D determined by RACE assay is shown. Positions of GGUG is underlined.



Supplementary Figure S2. The binding between full-length TLS, TLS-4 and 5 with Random 30 nt RNA.

RNA pull down assay was conducted with biotinylated RNAs (pncRNA-D fragment 1-1 and Random 30 nt RNA: UAG GCA AAG GAC UCA CCU UUG AAU UGC GUC) as described in material and methods. The random 30 nt RNA do not contain GGUG or GGU sequences.  $N=3$ .



Supplementary Figure S3. A representative fitted curve for the titration experiment by NMR. Experimentally obtained  $\Delta\delta$  values for one correlation peak in the course of the addition of 3' end of fragment 1-1 to TLS-5 are indicated by squares and a fitted curve is shown by solid line.

#### Material and Methods

Determination of the dissociation constant ( $K_D$ ) of the TLS-5:3' end of fragment 1-1 complex on the basis of the titration experiment by NMR

Six correlation peaks of  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{15}\text{N}$  HSQC spectrum of TLS-5 whose positions largely changed in the course of the addition of the 3' end of the fragment 1-1 were used to determine the dissociation constant ( $K_D$ ). Chemical shift difference,  $\Delta\delta$ , was defined as  $\Delta\delta = [(\Delta\delta_{\text{H}})^2 + (\Delta\delta_{\text{N}}/6.5)^2]^{1/2}$ , where  $\Delta\delta_{\text{H}}$  and  $\Delta\delta_{\text{N}}$  are the chemical shift differences for  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{15}\text{N}$ , respectively.  $\Delta\delta$  at each molar ratio was fitted by the following equation [S1] using Microsoft Excel's Solver:

$$\Delta\delta = \Delta_{\text{max}} \frac{(K_D + [L]_0 + [P]_0) - \sqrt{(K_D + [L]_0 + [P]_0)^2 - (4[P]_0[L]_0)}}{2[P]_0}$$

where  $\Delta_{\text{max}}$  is the maximum chemical shift difference at saturation,  $[P]_0$  and  $[L]_0$  are the total concentrations of TLS-5 and the 3' end of the fragment 1-1, respectively. The average and standard deviation of six  $K_D$  values obtained from each correlation peak were calculated. Then,  $K_D$  was determined to be  $3.5 \pm 1.9 \times 10^{-6}$  M.

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